

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 27636 01 OF 02 201108Z

21

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SWF-01 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00

EB-07 FRB-01 INR-05 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CIEP-01 SP-02

STR-01 TRSE-00 LAB-01 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 DODE-00

PM-03 H-01 L-02 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-06

/076 W

----- 040858

R 201053Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4403

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION NATO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 PARIS 27636

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, EEC, FR

SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' POLITICAL CONSULTATION

NOVEMBER 18: EC INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE UNDERSTAND THAT EC FONMIN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 18 DISCUSSED SUBSTANTIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF FUTURE EUROPEAN SUMMITS. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED COMMUNITY VOTING PROCEDURES, ELECTION OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY COMPETENCE. LITTLE AGREEMENT WAS RECORDED ON KEY ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PARIS 27636 01 OF 02 201108Z

2. FOLLOWING REPORT (RECEIVED BY EMBOFF NOVEMBER 19 FROM RELIABLE SOURCE) IS BASED ON SEVERAL BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS GIVEN BY EC REPS DURING AND AFTER EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN PARIS NOVEMBER 18.

3. DECEMBER EC SUMMIT: FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES SAID THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD INTENDS TO CALL EC SUMMIT FOR DECEMBER 9-10 IN PARIS. DIFFERENCES REMAIN CONCERNING SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT, AND WILL BE ADDRESSED BY EC FONMINS AT THEIR NOVEMBER 25 MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

4. EC SUMMIT ORGANIZATION: MINISTERS AGREED TO REGULAR MEETINGS OF EC-NINE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS. SAUVAGNARGUES SAID THAT THE SPECIAL DRAMATIC NATURE OF EUROPEAN SUMMITS MUST BE AVOIDED BECAUSE PAST SUMMITS AROUSED EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS LEADING TO EVENTUAL DISILLUSIONMENT. MINISTERS ALSO AGREED THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY TREATY OF ROME WHEN DISCUSSING COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND BY DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS EC SUMMITS WHEN DISCUSSING POLITICAL AFFAIRS. OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED BY DECEMBER EC SUMMIT INCLUDE: NEW NAME (IF ANY) BY WHICH REGULARIZED SYSTEM OF EC SUMMITS IS TO BE KNOWN (FRENCH PREFER "CONSEIL EUROPEEN"); HOW OFTEN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE TO MEET; WHETHER THERE WILL BE SPECIAL SECRETARIAT TO SUPPORT THESE MEETINGS (FRENCH RENEWED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR SMALL, INFORMAL SECRETARIAT TO BE CHARGED WITH PREPARATIONS OF EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS; LUXEMBOURG, SUPPORTED BY BELGIANS AND DUTCH, SAID THAT ALREADY EXISTING SECRETARIAT OF EC COUNCIL IS APPROPRIATE BODY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS).

5. POLITICAL COOPERATION: MINISTERS AGREED THAT EC POLITICAL COOPERATION SHOULD INCREASE. THEY ALSO AGREED

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 27636 02 OF 02 201111Z

21

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SWF-01 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00

EB-07 FRB-01 INR-05 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CIEP-01 SP-02

STR-01 TRSE-00 LAB-01 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 DODE-00

PM-03 H-01 L-02 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-06

/076 W

----- 040907

R 201053Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4404

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION NATO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 27636

TO THE POSSIBILITY OF "CONCERTATION" BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND EC-NINE POLITICAL CONSULTATION.
OUR SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON HOW THIS
CONCERTATIONN" MIGHT OPERATE.

6. COMMUNITY VOTING PROCEDURES: FRENCH PRESSED THEIR
PROPOSAL FOR RELAXATION OF RULE OF UNANIMITY IN COMMUNITY
DECISION-MAKING. BRITISH AND DANES, ON OTHER HAND,
WISHED TO INSURE THAT RIGHT OF VETO WILL BE MAINTAINED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PARIS 27636 02 OF 02 201111Z

WHEN FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED. ENTIRE
SUBJECT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE PARIS AD HOC GROUP (ON
EC INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES) WHICH WILL MEET IN PARIS TO
DISCUSS THIS ISSUE ON NOVEMBER 21. SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD
PRESS THAT LUXEMBOURG FORMULA "THEOLOGY" IS "DEPASSE."

7. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: THERE WAS NO PROGRESS ON ISSUE
OF DIRECT ELECTION OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DUE TO UK
AND DANISH OBJECTIONS. SAUVAGNARGUES SAID, HOWEVER,
THAT NEW COMPROMISE TEXT ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN

PRESENTED AND MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO UK.

8. COMMUNITY COMPETENCE: MINISTERS AGREED THAT ANY
WIDENING OF COMMUNITY COMPETENCE SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY
TERMS OF ARTICLE 155 OF THE TREATY OF ROME.

9. PALESTINIAN ISSUE AT THE UN AND THE EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE TREATED SEPTELS. WE EXPECT
FORMAL BREIFING BY FRENCH EC PRESIDENCY ON SUBSTANCE
OF NOVEBER 18 MEETING, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED
SEPARATELY.
RUSH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, MEETINGS, REORGANIZATIONS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PARIS27636
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740335-0807
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741127/aaaaawwe.tel
Line Count: 181
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 APR 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <13-Aug-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' POLITICAL CONSULTATION NOVEMBER 18: EC INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS
TAGS: PFOR, FR, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005